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Attorney's Docket No. 000400-819



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of )  
Shigeru HAYAKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
Application No.: 09/809,068 ) Examiner: Thomas Ho  
Filed: March 16, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 4710  
For: DOOR LOCK SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE )

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$370.00 (279) [ ] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
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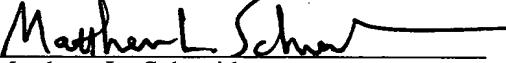
[ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2003, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Kindly replace Claim 21 as follows.*

21. (Amended) A door lock system for a vehicle comprising:  
a rotatable latch including a latch groove for receiving a striker of a vehicle  
body;  
a rotatable pawl adapted to contact the latch to prevent rotation of the latch,  
including a unitarily rotatable element that rotates unitarily with the pawl;  
an open link adapted to contact the unitarily rotatable element to rotate the  
unitarily rotatable element and the pawl so that the pawl is moved out of contact with the  
latch, the open link being shiftable between an unlocked position and a locked position;